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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: ENGINNERING STUDIES FOR WATER

DEVELOPMENT

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1. FOLLOWING IS STATUS OF MWJOR PROJECTS IN WATER DEVELOPMENT:

LOWER HELMAND VALLEY. WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY (WAPA) IS PRESENTLY PREPARING TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A MASTER PLAN STUDY OF LOWER HELMAND VALLEY. AHMAD FARID ISSAK, PRESIDENTO OF PLANNING, WAPA, TOLD US THAT TERMS OF REFERENCE WILL BE RELEASED FOR INTERNATIONAL TENDERS IN ABOUT ONE MONTH. SOURCE OF FINANCING FOR STUDY IS IRAN.

FARAH RUD VALLEY (SOUTHWEST AFGHANISTAN). A FRENCH COMPANY, SOGARYAI, HAS BEEN CONTRACTED TO PREPARE A MASTER PLAN FOR FARAH RUD BASIN. PREPARATION OF THE MASTER PLAN IS EXPECTED TO TAKE TWO YEARS AND WILL INCLUDE STUDY OF A POSSIBLE DAM SITE. SOURCE OF FINANCING OF THE STUDY IS THE KUWAIT FUND FOR ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT.

HARIRUD VALLEY (HERAT AREA) WAPA WITH ASSISTANCE FROM AN INDIAN COMPANY IS STUDYING FEASIBILITY OF A DAM AND RESERVOIR ON THE HARIRUD. THE PROPOSED DAM WILL BE ABOUT 104 METERS HIGH WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 650 MILLION CUBIC MZTERS OF WATER. WAPA HAS BEGUN PREPARING TENDER DOCUMZNTS FOR MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT TO CONSTRUCT THE DAM. ENGINEERING SERVICES WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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BE PROVIDED BY WAPA WITH INDIAN ASSISTANCE. SOURCE OF

FUNDS FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY IS SAUDI ARABIA. SOURCE  
FOR CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF PROPOSED DAM IS PRESENTLY  
UNDETERMPNED, BUT PLANNINGHMINISTRY HAS ADVISED US THWT  
USSR WILL ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT OF HARIRUD.

2. RECOMMEND THAT MEP NOTIFY U.S. FIRMS WITH COMPETENCE  
IN WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ABOUT UPCOMING LOWER  
HELMAND VALLEY MASTER PLAN STUDY. WE WILL FORWARD TENDER  
DOCUMENTS WHEN AVAILABLE.

3. REGARDING PARA TWO REFTEL, CONTACT FOR U.S. FIRMS IS:  
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PRESIDENT, PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
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